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Assembly to Pass Workers' Memorial Day Resolution

Joint Resolution Authored by Rep. Robb Kahl Proclaims April 28th as Workers' Memorial Day

(MADISON) State Representative Robb Kahl (D-Monona) has authored an Assembly Joint Resolution 108 proclaiming April 28th as Workers' Memorial Day. The resolution is scheduled to be taken-up by the full Assembly on February 16th.

"April 28th will be set aside as a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to acknowledge the suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthy workplaces for all workers," Kahl stated.

"In 2014 alone, 97 Wisconsin workers died in the workplace," Kahl added. "There were 4,679 fatal work injuries nationwide in 2014, with the highest concentration of fatalities occurring in transportation related occupations, in the construction trades, and in the mining/extraction industry. 211 police officers and fire fighters died along with 253 fatalities that occurred in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations."

Nationwide every day the families of 13 workers are informed that their loved ones were killed while at work and the rate of fatal injuries for U.S. workers in 2014 was 3.3 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers.

"I very much appreciate the support of Republican and Democratic members of the Wisconsin Legislature in passing this resolution," Kahl added. "Proclaiming April 28th as Workers' Memorial Day provides us with the opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those we have lost and rededicate ourselves to efforts to work together to make all workplaces safer."

After passage in the Assembly, the Assembly Joint Resolution will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

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